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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed November 5, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 17 and 20, as follows:

(Amended) 17. A method executed on a computer system of predicting relative, competitive availability of seating on an airline flight comprises:

a' receiving by the computer system a request for availability of seating on an airline flight and executing in the computer system an algorithm to predict the seating availability on a competitive flight;

receiving by the computer system an actual availability response for a flight; and comparing the predicted answer from the availability predictor and the potential answer from the availability system to establish a decision with respect to actual availability.

(Amended) 20. The method of claim 17 further comprising:

a2 determining whether the competitor's available booking codes are at a lower price than those which the availability system indicates the user of the system can offer.

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